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Applicants:

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Title:

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SECURITY ELEMENT TO PREVENT COUNTERFEITING

OF VALUE DOCUMENTS

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/ REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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	Claims		Highest						
	Remaining		Number						
	After		Previously		Present			Additional	
	Amendment		Paid For	Extra			Rate		Fee
Total Claims	38	-	32	=	6	Х	18	=	108
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	==	0
	TOTAL								\$108

B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 23, 2002, set to expire on January 23, 2003, be extended by two months, to expire on March 23, 2003. The enclosed check includes the twomonth extension fee of \$410.

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C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 146730 in the amount of \$518 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension-of-time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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